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**Inequality**

Social stratification is defined in which people are ranked and ordered in society. In western countries, social stratification is understood as a result of socio-economic status which then produces a social hierarchy in which access and possession of resources increase their ranks from lower to higher. The term social stratification is used by sociologists to describe the system of social standing. It is done by considering race, wealth, education and power. While social inequality is the existence of unequal social opportunities or rewards for different social positions or rewards within a group or society. Social inequality results from a society that is organized by race, class, ethnicity and also gender, all these factors play a major role in the unequal distribution of resources among the population. Both of these factors play a major role in an individual's life and society as a whole. When there is inequality in a society than the resources are unevenly distributed among the individuals which result in frustration and trust issues. When there is insecurity in among the individuals than that society cannot grow, and it will be easy for outer forces to destroy it. Such societies become insecure and weak. So both these factors play a major role in determining individuals and society's life as a whole (McLeod & Nonnemaker, 1999).

The main problem in every society is inequality, it is inequality that people feel insecure, and they are unable to trust their government. Although different countries are formulizing different strategies but still the roots of inequality are so strong in today's society that it is impossible to eradicate it. The rich people are getting richer, and the poor people are getting poorer. The reason for that is mostly rich inherit their wealth from their ancestors who left a large amount of money and different assets for their younger ones. Their kids have already ample resources to support their life, and even if they do not work they will have a luxurious life, but this is not the case for the poor people. Firstly, they do not possess any belongings and their entire life, they work hard to earn a one-time meal. When they have kids, then those kids have to work extra hard to earn money and other necessities. As the rich people do not invest their money on the poor ones and the wealth becomes concentrated in only one family. Therefore, it is safe to say that inequality is inevitable. No policies and no strategies can encourage wealthy people to invest their money or wealth on lower class. Although America is a very rich country regarding resources but at the same times, inequality is present in this country as well. Money and resources are unequally distributed among different races and class (Sinha & Srivastava, 2007).

Nowadays, not only developing countries but also developed countries are facing inequalities in their societies and America is no exception. Although it is hard to believe but it is a harsh reality that inequality by race, color, and even gender exists in American society. The first thing that the American society and government can do to eradicate inequality from their society is to start practicing equality in their educational institutions. Also, the positions that possess superior advantages should be open for all applicants, be it a white or black. It should be open for all, and then all the applications must be evaluated by merit, and the application that meets the criteria should get the job opportunity. Alternatively, all the applicants must be inspected by fair competition and whoever competes successfully should be liable to that provided opportunity.

It is a known fact that societies must provide equal opportunities to its citizens to be successful but it is also true that it does not exist in every society; therefore, most of the citizens are distressed and depressed. In American society, due to the unequal distribution of resources and due to unequal job and education opportunities many problems have raised recently. And to remove all these problems, it is important for the policymakers to make this an integral point in their policies. Poverty is one of the most prominent results of inequality because the rich have all the resources and the poor have to work hard even for their necessities. To solve the problem of poverty, equal opportunities should be there for all, as America is a very diverse country where people of every age, sex and ethnicity are living (Hara, 2011). If their religion or color will discriminate these people, then how will they play a positive role in the progress of the country. So for the development of the country, it is also very important to make equality possible.

In the past few decades, American society has seen an extraordinary rise in inequality due to racism. It was seen that no proper measures were taken by the government to erase racism. People were attacked and beaten based on their religious beliefs, language and skin tone. Even political parties were seen to win election campaign on the basis of racism. So this particular factor played a major role in the prevalence of inequality in American society (Aneshensel, 1992). If proper measures were taken at the time when the problems were at the stage of its inception, then it would be reversed, and the situation would be much better. In order to eradicate the evil of inequality government should take strict notice. Taxes should be paid by rich people, and then it should be spent on the needy ones. Also, rich people should be encouraged to invest their money and provide job opportunities for poor people so that their living will also get better. Although these are a baby step, they can be very helpful to uproot inequality, but we have to be patient.

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